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Employers praise job outlook

By Justin Pope
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON (AP) — The recovering economy and looming retirement of the baby boomers are making this a very good year to be a college senior looking for a job after graduation. Recruiters, career counselors and students say the fall recruiting season has been the most active since the dot.com boom.

Accountants are again finding increased demand for their services but theirs is just one of several hot fields. Technology companies, investment banks and consulting firms appear to be picking up the pace, as do some defense contractors and even smaller businesses that haven't traditionally recruited on campus.

"I haven't been to school in the last three weeks because of my interview schedule," said Eric Golden, a senior at Bentley College, a business-oriented school in the Boston suburb of Waltham. He feels lucky to be graduating this year.

Friends with similar credentials who graduated earlier often ended up taking positions that weren't their top choices — "just to have a job," Golden said. He's been juggling about a dozen interviews with companies including money managers, investment banks and General Electric.

College hiring is expected to increase 13 percent over last year,

according to a new survey from National Association of Colleges and Employers. Seven out of 10 employers said they expected to increase salary offers to new college grads, according to the survey released late last week, with an average increase of 3.7 percent.

Four in five employers called the job market for new grads good, very good or excellent; last year fewer than two in five did.

Michigan State's College Employment Research Institute will release a report Thursday that director Phil Gardner said will show overall campus hiring is up as much as 20 percent this year, depending on the region.

Experts say hiring still isn't approaching the intensity of the late 1990s. A population boom among college students has tightened competition, and employers remain gun-shy about big bonuses.

Some engineers are still having a tough time, in part because so much manufacturing has moved off shore. And many businesses, notably financial services, learned to get by with leaner staffs during the downturn.

There is clear momentum. At California State University, Fullerton, the number of companies at a fall career fair was up about 40 percent from last year; at the University of Florida, the number of recruiting companies is up as much as 15 percent.

And at the University of Notre

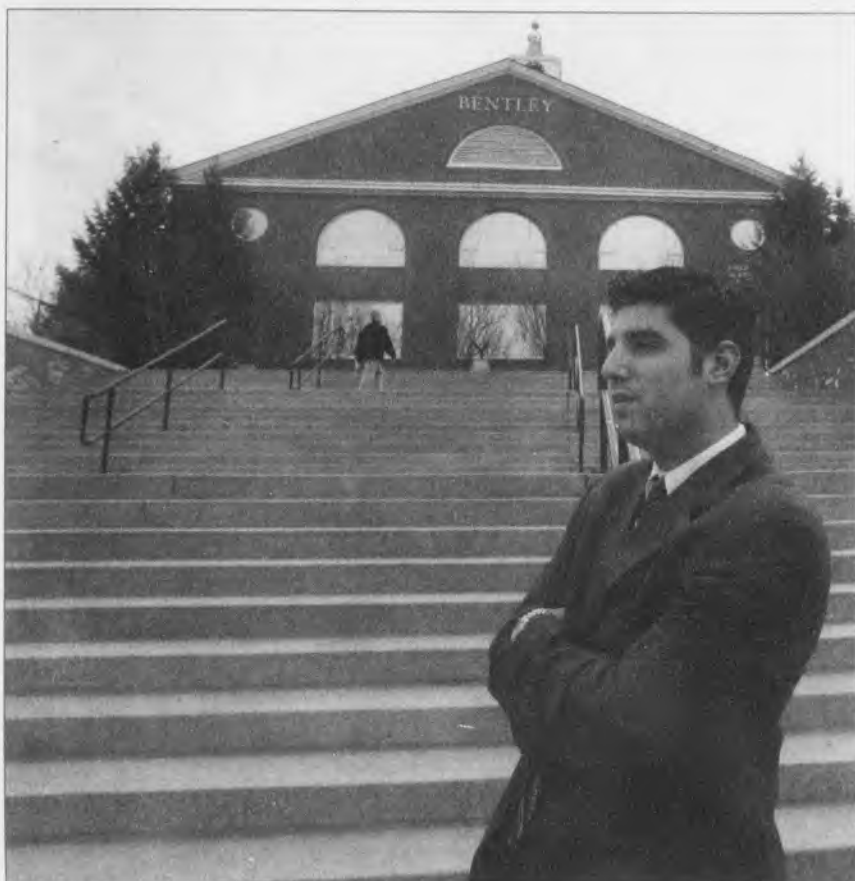
Dame in South Bend, Ind., interviews are up roughly 30 percent and the school had to step in, requiring recruiters to allow students to mull job offers until at least Nov. 24. For the first time since the dot.com boom, competition was fierce enough that companies were pushing students for immediate decisions on their offers.

Don Brezinski, executive director of corporate relations at Bentley, said "we're seeing companies that, instead of looking to hire one or two, have openings of a dozen. It's when you have the big companies going really deep, then you know you're hitting stride with employment recovery."

Experts say companies are hiring to handle new work but also making up for years of conservatism.

"We've seen employers that have cut back the last few years looking around the office saying, 'We've got this new work. Who's going to do the job?'" said Lee Svete, Notre Dame's director of career services.

Accounting remains one of the best backgrounds to have for a job-hunting senior. PriceWaterhouseCoopers plans to hire about 3,100 people off U.S. college campuses this year, up almost 19 percent from last year. Ernst & Young, another big accounting firm, plans to

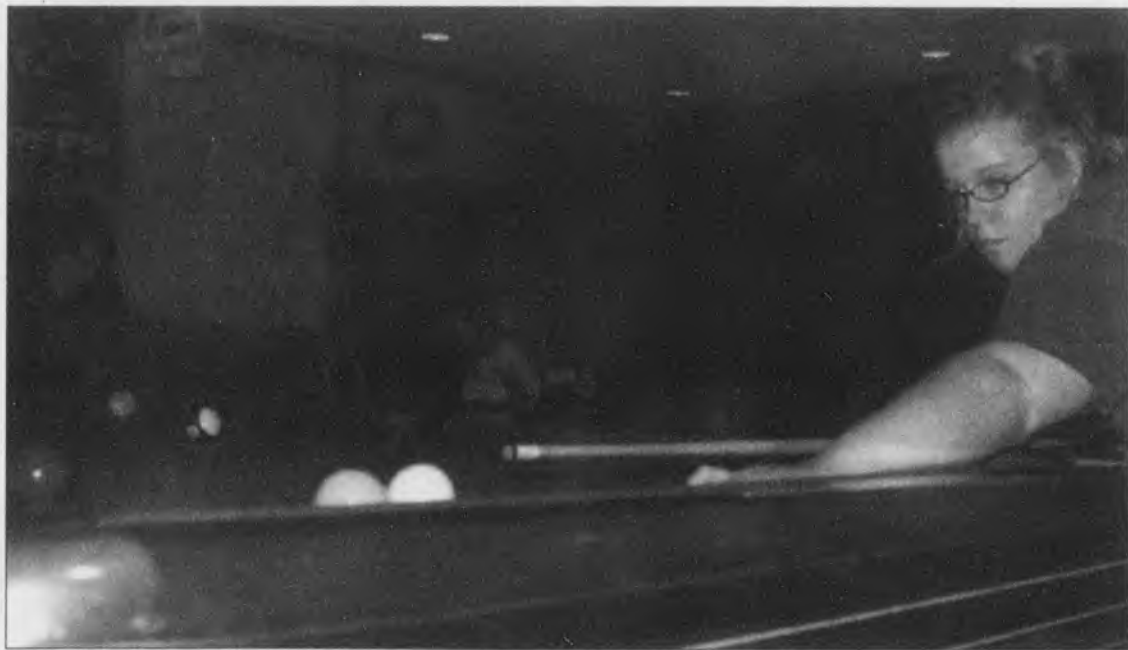


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COLLEGE SENIORS: Bentley College senior Eric Golden poses for photos at the college in Waltham, Mass.

POOLIN' AT THE PUB



Julie DiFranco BG News

BLACK SWAMP POOL: Kelly Claibourne, a senior at BGSU, plays a friendly game of pool last night in the Black Swamp Pub.

Bomber drives into US convoy

By Katarina Kratovac
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide attacker drove his bomb-laden car into a U.S. convoy during fighting Wednesday in a northern town, where hospital officials said at least 10 Iraqis were killed amid a wave of violence across Iraq's Sunni Arab heartland.

The increasing attacks and the U.S. military's offensive to retake the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah have made November one of Iraq's bloodiest months.

According to an Associated Press tally, the American death toll in the war in Iraq surpassed 1,200 with new Defense Department identifications Tuesday night and Wednesday. The total of 1,208 deaths included 1,204 identified members of the U.S. military, three military civilians and one unidentified soldier reported to have died Tuesday in Balad.

In Fallujah, heavy machine-gun fire and explosions rang out

in south-central parts of the city as U.S. Marines hunted remaining fighters. In the northern Jolan neighborhood, U.S. Marines fought insurgents who officers said had sneaked back into the city by swimming across the Euphrates River.

Bullets snapped overhead, and Iraqis collecting bodies of the dead ran for cover behind walls and in buildings as Marines returned fire. After 15 minutes of fighting, three insurgents were dead and one Marine was slightly injured in the hand, officers said.

The rush of warplanes streaking through the low-lying clouds shook the city and blasts sent smoke into the sky. The U.S. military said that airstrikes Wednesday were concentrated in southwestern Fallujah, destroying enemy positions.

The U.S. military says it is fighting pockets of insurgents after

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Bicycle snatching a problem

By Jeff Weidman
REPORTER

Imagine finishing class for the day and walking out to the bike rack to get your bike and go home, only to find that your bike is not there anymore. This is a story senior Hilary Gerber remembers well.

"I was so glad to be done for the day and all I wanted to do was go home and relax," Gerber said. "When I went to get my

bike, I noticed it was gone and I started to panic not knowing what to do."

Today, bicycle theft on college campuses is an ongoing problem, according to Neal Todrys, president of Todson Inc. which makes heavy duty bike locks.

"Bikes are a popular and convenient form of campus transportation, which makes them all too easy to swipe and resell," Todrys said. Knowing the prob-

lems students face with bike theft, Todson Inc. has provided a few simple precautions to keep your bike parked safely so that it is still waiting for you when you are done with class.

One way to deter thieves from taking bikes is to make sure it is locked to the bike rack with a secure lock that can't be picked. "Even if you'll be gone for just a

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Dixon speaks about health crises

By Zach Herman
SENIOR REPORTER

On a campus where roughly one of every 200 students is Native American, according to the University FactBook, awareness of issues important to that group is dangerously low. Interpersonal Communications Professor Lynda Dee Dixon worked to change that Wednesday, presenting on health crises facing Native American women.

The talk, titled "Native American Women and Health," was part of the Brown Bag Lunch series of lectures sponsored by the Women's Center. Installments in the regular series are casual affairs, with attendees encouraged to eat lunch as they listen.

Dixon, member of the Cherokee Nation and "card-carrying, real Indian," began the presentation with an extensive

history of Native American life. She started by describing the lifestyle before "first white contact," painting a picture of an idyllic and prosperous existence forever shattered by the arrival of English emigrants in America.

The intrusion of Anglo-Saxons into Native American culture had far-reaching effects,

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

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High: 52°
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SATURDAY



Showers

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MONDAY



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Low: 27°

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MERGER: Edward Lampert, chairman of Kmart, left, Aylwin Lewis, president of Kmart, center, and Alan Lacy, CEO of Sears, right, join hands during an announcement of a merger between Kmart and Sears.

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BRIEFING

Malfunction causes false alarm

The Bowling Green Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at 5:37 p.m. yesterday in Moseley Hall. According to the Fire Department, there was a malfunction in Moseley's alarm system, and the alarm was false.

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Accounting, finance among jobs in high demand for students

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increase hiring about 30 percent this year and bring on 4,000 new college grads. Jim Case, director of the career center at Cal State-Fullerton, says regional and local accounting firms are hiring, too.

Finance and nursing skills are also in demand, and job hunters willing to move have a big advantage. Computer science jobs are also returning after the tech slump, said Carol Lyons, dean of the career services depart-

ment at Boston's Northeastern University, though other fields, like journalism, are still tough.

Even liberal arts majors need not despair, said Wayne Wallace, director of the career resource center at the University

of Florida.

"Any major" is the No. 1 demand," he said. "We have plenty of employers that say if you are a college grad and want to ... learn our business, we will take you from that point on."

Ten die, nine wounded in car bomb

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taking most of Fallujah.

The car bomb came during clashes in Beiji, a city 155 miles north of the capital, witnesses said. The vehicle hit a convoy and exploded, then U.S. soldiers opened fire.

Ten people were killed and nine others wounded, hospital officials said, though it was not clear how many were caused by the blast. The 1st Infantry Division said three U.S. soldiers were wounded in the suicide attack. Beiji is the site of Iraq's largest oil refinery and a major power station.

U.S. forces and insurgents also battled for three hours in the center of the insurgent-heavy city of Ramadi, west of Fallujah. Hospital officials said seven people were killed and 13 people wounded in the clashes, which left two residential

buildings in flames.

A police spokesman in Karbala said a police officer from the city had reported that 31 policemen returning from training in Jordan were kidnapped over the weekend by insurgents who attacked their hotel in western Iraq. The spokesman said the report was not confirmed.

The Interior Ministry and the office of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said they have not been able to confirm the report. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Amman said he had not heard the report.

The police officer who made the report said he escaped a raid Sunday by armed men on the hotel in the town of Rutba, near the Jordan border, according to the police spokesman.

The officer said around 20 armed men attacked the hotel, covering the captives' heads

with black bags and tying their hands before dragging them away, the spokesman said. The officer said he was beaten but was not abducted.

Iraqi security forces, backed by U.S. Marines, freed a captive Iraqi truck driver during a raid south of Baghdad, the U.S. military said. The rescued hostage, who was not identified, was taken to a nearby U.S. base, where he was treated and released.

In Baghdad, some 3,000 protesters peacefully demanded the release of seven followers of Shiite Ayatollah Mahmoud al-Hassani, who had been detained by U.S. forces in the past week.

The northern city of Mosul appeared calmer, the military said Wednesday, after a U.S. assault to restore control. On a handful of small arms attacks continued, the military said.

The U.S. military said it was expanding its investigation into the fatal shooting of a wounded man by a Marine in a Fallujah mosque over the weekend. The investigation will also look into whether other wounded men in the mosque were also shot and killed, a spokesman said.

The probe was prompted by videotaped pool pictures by NBC that showed the shooting during an operation of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment in the mosque on Saturday.

Allawi is "very concerned" about the shooting, his office said. American and Iraqi authorities have been trying to stem outrage over the shootings among Iraqis and Arabs across the region. U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte expressed regret over the shooting but said it should not undermine U.S. efforts to remove guerrillas from the city.

Indians deal with health situation

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according to Dixon. White settlers introduced devastating physical maladies into the nations, diseases that presented a challenge that relatively untested Native American immune systems proved ill-equipped to fight. Evidence suggests Anglo-Saxons brought smallpox and perhaps venereal disease to the New World. "There were a lot of deaths that had nothing to do with battle," Dixon said.

The devastation was not just physical, however. English expatriates trampled upon the Native American lifestyle, submitting centuries of tradition to the whitewash of European cultural dominance.

Some nations managed to thrive after the English encroachment, including Dixon's own Cherokees. But even then, Native Americans were expected to submit to the cultural tyranny of their new cohabitants. "The communication from the town was 'you can be Indian, but don't act Indian, and it would help if you didn't look Indian, either,'" Dixon said.

Native Americans are "still suffering" the effects of subjugation by whites, according to Dixon. Attempts have been made to compensate natives for

past transgressions, but often the steps taken are inadequate and insulting to those they purport to help. Dixon's primary example was the Indian Health Service (IHS), a series of clinics and hospitals devoted to providing health care to Native Americans. While perhaps noble in purpose, IHS proved to be an inefficient, bureaucratic approach to medicine.

"IHS was federal care in every sense of the word," Dixon noted. Patients sometimes traveled hours to reach the nearest clinic, and one they arrived faced interminable waits, limited resources, and patronizing staff. Some Native Americans simply avoided health care rather than fight for the substandard treatment provided by IHS.

Dixon believes this institutionalized neglect has contributed to the many health problems Native American women face today, including rampant diabetes and low life-expectancy rates and good-health status. She closed her remarks with a simple and discouraging summation: "American Indian women and the Cherokee women I know are suffering major health problems." As the University recognizes Native American History Month, the message is especially vital.

Locking bikes important

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minute, always lock your bike," Todrys said.

"The vulnerability of a bike lock has to do with more than just the chain itself. If the lock can be picked, you've got a real problem," Todrys said. Some locks such as Kryptonite brand locks can be picked open with a simple ballpoint pen, according to Todrys. "Chains on a padlock bike lock should be at least 3/8 of an inch and cables on a cable lock should be at least 1/2 of an inch in diameter," Todrys said.

"New OnGuard bike locks provide maximum protection against bike theft," Todrys said. "They are pick-proof, which is why we confidently offer up to a \$3000 warranty for OnGuard locks which retail at \$150 or under."

Something else students should take into consideration is the place they park their bikes, according to Todrys.

"Bikes should be locked to a bike rack in a well-lit and populated area," Todrys said. "If you must leave your bike where there

is no bike rack, be sure that the object that it is locked to provides adequate security." "Chain link fences are easily cut and locked bikes can be easily lifted over a parking meter."

Students should record the make, model and serial number of their bicycle and keep the information where it can be accessed easily, according to Todrys. This makes it easy to prove that the bike is yours if it is ever stolen and recovered. Going along with that idea, bike owners should license their bikes with the local police department as well. This way the police will have all the information needed to identify the bike's owner if it is recovered.

Lastly, "Students should help prevent bike thefts on campus," Todrys said. "Be observant around bike racks for someone who might be checking out bikes or are looking for an easy target." Any suspicious persons should be reported to the campus police.

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8a.m. to 5p.m.

Wide Kwanzaa Celebration
Admission is \$8 w/ student ID,
\$10 non-students.
Saddlemire, 424

8a.m. to 11p.m.

Sigma Nu Food Drive
Union, 208

10a.m. to 7p.m.

Graduation Fair to purchase
cap and gowns, graduation
announcements, class rings
diploma frames, year books,
and alumni gifts.
Union, 2nd floor

Noon

Brown Bag Lunch: "Native
American Women & Health"
Hanna Hall, 107

6p.m.

Veg4Life
Weekly veggie dimmer
Squeakers 175 Main St.

7p.m.

When the Gays Move In Next
Door Workshop sponsored by
Interfraternity Council
Union, 202A

7p.m. to 8p.m.

International Careers Network
meeting
Shatzel Hall, 101

8p.m.

Faculty Artist Series: Penny

Thompson Kruse Violin
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1p.m. to 6p.m.

Crew Cards Sale, Sponsored by
Delta Chi Phi
Student Union Lobby

9a.m. to 4p.m.

Habitat for Humanity
Awareness Week Information
Student Union Lobby

9a.m. to 5p.m.

Refunds for Ben Folds Concert,
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9a.m. to 6p.m.

Bake Sale, Sponsored by BGSU
Club Water Polo
Education Building Steps

9a.m. to 5p.m.

Refunds for Ben Folds Concert,
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10a.m. to 5p.m.

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clip art.
Room 204 Fine Arts Building

Diet craze takes over



Katie Finnegan BG News

NEW DIET FAD: Low-carb diet helps shed fast-food pounds.

By Jess Wagner
COPY EDITOR

A new diet craze has University students shedding not only pounds from their bodies, but carbs from their diets as well.

With the emergence of low-carb diets in mainstream America, these trendy diets are showing up on TV commercials, in restaurants and around campus. And although many people are falling for the low-carb craze, some are questioning how safe these diets really are.

"I don't ever suggest it to anyone as a healthy way to lose weight. The weight loss that it promotes is usually very rapid, which isn't healthy if you lose weight too quickly," Campus Nutrition Educator Tonya Hefner said. "Plus it's hard on your body, and the weight is likely to come back when you go off of the diet."

Hefner said she is often asked about the Atkins and South Beach diets, the two most popular low-carb diets on the market now. She suggests a more traditional way to lose weight.

"Usually calories are what is going to determine whether you gain or lose weight. If there's a deficit in calories—not enough calories—then your body is going to lose weight," Hefner said. "If there is a surplus of calories—more than your body wants—then you're going to gain weight. So ideally, someone creates a deficit with a combination of exercise and watching what they eat."

With low-carb foods for Atkins and the South Beach diet hitting grocery stores, many people are stocking

up on these foods without consulting their doctors or reading about the diets, and may be doing more harm than health to their diets.

Even though the low-carb diets may have obvious health risks such as rapid weight loss, lack of essential nutrients to the body and possible long-term health risks, students are trying the diets because of their glamour and promising weight loss.

"I felt a lot healthier after I went on the [South Beach] diet. I lost about 20 pounds, and continued to eat a healthy diet even after I went off the diet," said Nikki Sobecki, a sophomore at the University who went on the South Beach diet this past summer. "Even though I'm not on the diet anymore, I still continue to eat healthy and exercise. I've only gained about five pounds back."

Sobecki said she went on the diet because her family decided to start a healthier lifestyle, and explained why a lot of people gain their weight back.

"When people finally reach their weight goal, they stop the diet, thinking they can go back to their old eating habits," she said. "Obviously, they're going to gain the weight back. You can't just expect to lose weight and have it stay off forever without eating healthy and exercising."

One problem associated with these diets is the absence of healthy carbohydrates and nutrients when someone is on the diet.

Foods like breads, pastas and fruits often

provide a healthy balance of what is needed in a diet, but since the diets cut out foods like this, people are left with an unbalanced representation of what their body needs.

"People are missing out on some heart-healthy, cancer-preventing nutrients in high-fiber foods, and fiber is found in carbohydrates," Hefner said.

The University has also caught on to the diet trend.

Nearly every food service in the Union has some kind of diet menu that caters to low-carb dieters. ZZA's at Night has low-carb wraps to replace the breads for their sandwiches. Steak Escape is now replacing sandwich buns with salads. Even Freshen's offers low-carb smoothies.

Student Manager Katie Wietmarschen said the Sarah Lee deli is trying a new promotion. With "Get Naked," students can enjoy their favorite sandwiches wrapped in leaf lettuce instead of bread.

Even though the University is trying to cater to low-carb dieters, Hefner feels this form of advertising may have a negative result on students who don't know too much about the diets.

"College students are definitely consumers ... wherever they shop, the market sets the tone," Hefner said. "Whoever is selling low-carb items on campus knows that people are going to buy them because people are on the low-carb diet. Whether that's healthy or not, whether that's right or wrong, that's how it is."

Peace Corps taking applicants

By Jeff Weidman
REPORTER

Now is the time for students to fill out apply for the Peace Corps for next fall, according to Scot Roskelley, a spokesman for the regional Peace Corps office. The application process could take nine months to a year and is becoming more competitive, according to Roskelley.

"We have a particular need for people who have taken French classes — even a year or two of French," Roskelley said. "We have posts in countries in the Caribbean and West Africa where French is the predominant language."

Currently 11 people who attended the University are serving in the Peace Corps. 170 people from BGSU have served in the Peace Corps.

"[Being in the Peace Corps] was one of the most interesting things I have ever done

in my whole life. It was a real-opener, and I don't believe I'll ever view my American life quite the same way as I once did as a result of my Peace Corps service," Former Bowling Green student and Peace Corps member Jeri Titus said. "I am much more aware of what good luck it is to be born an American. I am as proud as ever to be an American."

"I think the Peace Corps is awesome," Senior Sarah Langenderfer said. "They do a lot of good for many people, and that's why they are still around today."

Joining requires a 27-month commitment. Volunteers receive money each month to cover food, housing and other expenses. Health insurance is also paid for while the volunteer serves. Volunteers are given \$6,075 that can be used to re-establish themselves upon

returning to the United States.

When volunteers return, they also have enhanced hiring status for federal government jobs, which lasts for one year following completion of Peace Corps service.

According to Roskelley, there has been a 22 percent increase in inquiries this year. Applications are also up 11 percent for that same period, he said.

When volunteers return they also have enhanced hiring status for federal government jobs for one year.

"The lackluster job market has partially contributed to the interest in Peace Corps," Roskelley said. "However, we find world affairs are driving people our way — people who want to make a contribution toward peace."

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SCOTT ROSKELLEY,
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(Associated Press)

OPINION

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Understanding the stress of war

Widespread shock in Iraq and the United States in reaction to the NBC News footage of an American Marine executing a wounded prisoner in Fallujah proves yet another setback to the stabilization of Iraq.

Just as the torture at Abu Ghraib fed the Iraqi insurgency, this widely seen footage will do the same, further convincing Iraqis of the hostility of the large foreign force with which they share their country.

At around the same time and

in the same city, the discovery of the dismembered body of a Western woman – who is in all likelihood the kidnapped British aid worker whose videotaped execution was broadcast Tuesday – provides another example of the terrorism war supporters say we are in Iraq to eradicate.

Details about the Marine who killed the Iraqi have not been released, but he is almost certainly young.

The reporter who broke the

story noted the Marine had been shot in the face the day before in the midst of five days of intense fighting before the shooting.

That much stress could certainly be a trigger to an outburst. But if this man was unstable, it was his commanding officer's responsibility to pull him out of action before he harmed himself, fellow soldiers or noncombatants.

Several other incidents of American soldiers killing

civilians and fellow soldiers, both American and Iraqi, have already occurred.

As a society, we need to work to fully comprehend what a war like this does to the occupiers and the occupied.

The Los Angeles Times reported one of six soldiers returning from Iraq suffers from post-traumatic stress. But the statistic is only drawn from those who served in the war's early stages, before the spread of the more deadly and vicious

insurgency after the invasion.

The numbers who suffer the same affliction in the Iraqi population are almost certainly far higher – their tour of duty in the war zone is unending.

Average Americans and Iraqis struggle to understand how a young man could execute another wounded man lying at his feet, or how another young man could drive a car packed with explosives into a truck full of people his age.

The violence and deprav-

ity of this increasingly dirty guerrilla war affects those who serve and live within its reach, whether we – or they – want to admit it.

Eventually, as evidenced by those in America and the Muslim world who rationalize or even applaud incidents such as Abu Ghraib and the bloody executions of kidnapped men and women – and then use one to justify the other – the ill effects spread beyond the battleground.

Activist judges progress society

TORIE BOSCH

U-Wire Columnist

Thanks to President George W. Bush, the English language includes some new and exciting words and phrases.

There's "Hispanically," as in, "Hispanically owned or otherwise." There's "misunderestimated" and "resignate," "embetter" and "foreign-handed."

And don't get me started on those tricky subject-verb agreements ("Is our children learning?" Not with a role model like that.)

But perhaps the most influential term that Bush has introduced recently is "activist judges."

The term "activist judges" apparently refers to judges who look at the Constitution and see more rights expressed than Bush himself can decipher.

He prominently used it in a speech last year condemning the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts for ordering the state government to recognize the rights of same-sex couples to wed.

Bush then called for an amendment to the federal Constitution that would strictly define marriage as existing only between a man and a woman.

Many social conservatives are enraged at the idea that judges could slowly make same-sex marriage legal throughout the nation.

They claim that recognizing marital bonds between a man and a woman and a woman goes against the will of the people and, indeed, polls suggest that the majority of Americans are uncomfortable with same-sex marriage.

But as the middle school mantra goes, what's popular is not always right and what's right is not always popular.

Throughout American history, judges have expanded rights to protect minority groups – and that has often not sat well with public opinion.

In 1954, the Supreme Court issued its famous Brown v. Board of Education decision, which initiated the end of the government-condoned segregation of public schools.

Initial public reaction was

heated in many areas. The Daily News, then a newspaper from Jackson, Miss., declared, "White and Negro children in the same schools will lead to miscegenation. Miscegenation leads to mixed marriages and mixed marriages leads to mongrelization of the human race."

Despite pressure from many Northerners and Southerners alike to permit segregation, the Supreme Court outlawed the practice. It was not overwhelmingly popular, but the justices knew that it was right and that America would progress as a country.

Many people today espouse similar doomsday beliefs about what changes same-sex marriage could bring about. They believe that legitimizing same-sex couples will end up causing the end of marriage or even the end of the human race.

They bemoan the activist judges who would overturn their very belief system and cause the end of family values. (Values – that's another word that is thrown around a bit too much.) They accuse the judges of forcing them to change, forcing their beliefs down the throat of the nation.

It's true. Activist judges do force people to change. They forced Americans to accept equal access to education, equal access to the polls, equal access to lawyers and more. But few people today would argue that those were changes that Americans did not need to make.

The judicial branch of the government is not like the

"Throughout American history, judges have expanded rights to protect minority groups – and that has often not sat well with public opinion."

executive or the legislative. Unlike the president, senators or congressmen, judges in the upper echelon of authority do not need to answer to the people.

Once they make it through the confirmation process, it takes egregious errors to

remove them from office. Such a system exists to remove the judiciary from political influence and, similarly, the pressure of the people.

The Constitution, as you should remember from that annoying civics class you took in high school, is open to interpretation. If it were not, then the president and local government members would be able to limit how you speak, assemble, worship and publish, because the First Amendment simply says that "Congress" will make no law abridging those rights.

Then you wouldn't be able to send hate letters to The Daily Collegian about me, and that just wouldn't make you happy. The ability to interpret the Constitution and expand it to encompass the present day and age is one of its best features.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

"Do you shop at Wal-Mart?"



EMILY MURPHY
JUNIOR, PSYCHOLOGY
"For my groceries sometimes."



JILLIAN BRUCE
SENIOR,
INTEGRATED LANGUAGE
ARTS EDUCATION
"Sure, Wal-Mart is grand."



ALISHA FRANCIS
FRESHMAN,
PSYCHOLOGY
"No, Meijer is better. I'm wanted at Wal-Mart."



ROBYN BOYLE
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED
"I shop there for my drugs."

Liberal media: the result of a rap war



GEORGE VALKO

The Pied Piper

Of course back in those days, Rather went by the name "The Chap." He was even known to smoke Marlboro Reds, but this is back in the day.

Brokaw, a veteran of the early hip-hop wars, was aware of another Dan Rather. A much richer Dan Rather whose trophy wife (Connie Chung) had been dropping lame-ass rhymes at all the networks. Brokaw convinced The Chap that it was unfair, in the words of Brokaw "for that whore to go out and drop ill rhymes all over town, and for them to come and piss on your f***** rug." CIA 3 mm film footage shown to me just this morning, shows The Chap going to see the rich Rather. After all, Brokaw had "Buddies who died face down in the muck so that everyday emcees could spit rhymes, and the slut, that whore goes out and..."

The Chap was informed by the big Rather that Connie had been kidnapped by some West Coast rappa. They were asking for 1 million dope rhymes in return for Connie's safety.

The Chap agreed to be the bag man in the ransom handoff. Through a weird turn of events, including a sultry night with Maude Rather and the unfortunate death of Peter Jennings in a freestyle match with some hip-hop nihilists, The Chap and Brokaw were able to uncover the kidnapper's scheme. Connie was never kidnapped, but the "big Rather" faked the kidnapping story in order to steal the future of hip-hop.

Furthermore, it turns out that the big Rather was none other than Rupert Murdoch, the owner of FOX News.

FBI reports at the time confirm that Murdoch was in the business of stealing phat beats and rhymes from inner city kids and passing them off as his own. Much of what he had stolen was later confirmed to be the bulk of Wu-Tang's influential hip-hop masterpiece, "36 Chambers." Luckily for emcees world wide, The Chap was on the case at the time.

I decided to write this investigative journalistic article in the BGNews in an attempt to finally bring to light the truth behind Rupert Murdoch's dislike of mainstream media.

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New addition almost as scary

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U-Wire Columnist

Well, America, you voted, and George, you are the next American president. And now, only two weeks after his re-election, George W. Bush has already taken the first steps toward reversing years of progress by the Supreme Court.

Shortly after Attorney General John Ashcroft resigned, Bush selected White House counsel Alberto Gonzales to replace him. Rumors are flying that Gonzales could even be the next Supreme Court Justice. But in choosing Gonzales, Bush is hiring a man whose political history has been focused on denying civil liberties.

Ironically, though Gonzales would be the first Hispanic attorney general and is being praised by Hispanics across the country, his record indicates that he would support policies that would worsen conditions for minorities in America.

As expressed by the American Civil Liberties Union, there is great need "for a full and thorough Senate confirmation process that scrutinizes Mr. Gonzales' positions on key civil liberties and human rights issues. Particular attention should be devoted to exploring Mr. Gonzales' proposed policies on the constitutionality of the Patriot Act, the Guantanamo Bay detentions, the designation of United States citizens as enemy combatants and reproductive rights."

According to USA Today, Gonzales has passionately supported Bush's ability to designate detainees as "enemy combatants" and detain them indefinitely. He also authored a memorandum that strongly endorsed the kinds of practices that led to the abuses that took place at Abu Ghraib prison and

other places.

But what is most threatening to civil liberties advocates are his views on immigration and his unclear position on affirmative action.

As one of Bush's chief legal advisers, Gonzales pushed strongly for passage of the Patriot Act, and strongly supported Ashcroft in drafting this legislation. Gonzales thereby not only helped give the federal government greater power to intrude into the privacy of American citizens, but also worked to tighten immigration laws, especially for Arabs and Muslims.

Many civil rights groups, such as People for the American Way and the Center for Constitutional Rights, believe that under Gonzales, immigration laws would continue to get stricter, and immigrants would continue to be interrogated and harassed before entering the country.

By supporting the Patriot Act, Gonzales implicitly defended Section 412, which calls for the indefinite detention of immigrants and other non-citizens for any immigration violation, no matter how minor. Even if an immigrant is not suspected of terrorism, he or she could face indefinite detention for a trivial infraction, like not carrying identification on them at all times. As the new attorney general, Gonzales would have the power to determine

if any immigrant is a threat to America.

For minority students, Gonzales' unclear position on affirmative action makes him a risky nominee for attorney general. Fortunately, Gonzales is not as adamantly opposed to affirmative action as Ashcroft is, but he is not in favor of the program either.

When the University of Michigan was facing challenges to its affirmative action policies in 2002, the Bush administration released a report that called for major reforms to lessen the role of affirmative action in college admissions. Gonzales exerted heavy influence on this report. Liberals fear that Gonzales would lean to the right and

work to roll back the progress that affirmative action has brought students of color.

Gonzales may have grown up in a poor Hispanic family struggling to get by, but it is unlikely that he will remember his roots when it comes to passing crucial legislation for Americans, especially when it comes to minorities and immigrants.

As Michael Ratner, president of the Center for Constitutional Rights, explained, "Making Alberto Gonzales the attorney general of the United States would be a travesty: It would mean taking one of the legal architects of an illegal and immoral policy and installing him as the official who is charged with protecting our constitutional rights."

"Ironically, though Gonzales would be the first Hispanic attorney general and is being praised by Hispanics across the country, his record indicates that he would support policies that would worsen conditions for minorities in America."

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It is clear to this reporter, that Murdock started FOX News in order to spread the lies of the "liberal media" in an attempt to get back at Brokaw and The

Chap for ruining his attempt at hip-hop stardom.

My advice to all the students at the University is to be careful which news programs you watch. One never knows when

the next news tycoon will attempt to steal hip-hop from P. Diddy's cold dead hands.

— Scenes from this article were taken from/inspired by "The Big Lebowski."

Your vote may not get counted

TREY
SMITH

U-Wire Columnist

If anyone else was up at 1 a.m. on election night, they might have seen what I saw — exit polls reporting a significant lead for Sen. John Kerry in Ohio.

Of course, media reports based on exit polling could not be as reliable as final vote tallies, right?

Wrong. In 2000, nearly 2 million votes were tossed out. This year, that number was probably much higher considering the higher turnout rate and unprepared poll workers.

What could cause your ballot to be thrown out and not counted? Depending on the state, ballots are thrown out if there are any stray marks on the form, or if there are any number of other minor discrepancies.

Not only were ballots not counted, thousands of people were not counted. In many crucial states, such as Ohio, Colorado and Florida, voters were purged from the registration rolls for a variety of reasons, some legitimate, most illegitimate.

Once again, it appears the citizens of other countries are more interested in our democratic process than we are. To hear about the purging of voters and tossed ballots, you must check out the news in Britain. American journalist Greg Palast had little success in convincing American news broadcasters that millions of Americans not having their vote counted is an important story.

Palast's stories have shown up in various European broadcasters and newspapers but not in America.

Palast even visited New Mexico, where he found that a whopping 3 percent of votes cast in 2000 were tossed out. That totals to almost 18,000 votes. As of now, President Bush has reportedly won the state by a little more than 10,000 votes, and Al Gore won in 2000 by 366 votes.

Additionally, the votes lost in New Mexico in 2000 were nearly all from American-Indian and poor Hispanic precincts. I wonder which way they were going to vote? Assuming this spoilage rate stayed the same, New Mexico would remain a blue state if all the ballots were counted.

Ohio practiced an even more racist system of vote purging this year. Officials from each party could stand in the polling station, point to any voter and request they be denied a ballot. GOP officials could point to each African-American who entered the polling station and request he or she not be allowed to vote. These targeted individuals were then given a provisional ballot that may or may not be counted.

Approximately 200,000 provisional ballots cast were in Ohio, most of which will not be included in the final total.

At least 2 million ballots were thrown away this year across our great democracy. If you voted provisionally or absentee, yours could be one of that number.

Yet there is no way to determine whether your ballot was counted. Did you leave the booth with a receipt that guaranteed your vote would be counted? Did you receive a call from the secretary of state thanking you for your vote and assuring you your ballot was added to the total? Probably not, and if you had any doubt about your vote being counted, it probably wasn't.

Yet Kerry and most of America has already moved past the 2004 election. We don't like to be bogged down with vote tallies and recounts. We demand immediate answers. That's why we stay up until 1 a.m. watching the results.

Perhaps that is why American news broadcasters refuse to report on votes being tossed out and voters being turned away at the polls.

We like to think our democracy is perfect. After 200 years, you would think we could get this right.

And now that we are forcing democracy on other countries, shouldn't we be a good example for them?

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It's not one of those crummy computers that sits in your basement with "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" on it, but something you can upgrade to meet your current needs.

In the next four years, morbid as it is for us to speculate

on this subject, at least one justice on the Supreme Court will probably retire or die.

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) is in line to head the Senate Judiciary Committee, but Republicans are questioning his ability to stick to the party line and reject any appointee who fails to see how the Constitution could

afford protection and rights to all Americans, not just those granted them 200 years ago.

Are there activist judges out there? Sure.

Is that a bad thing? (I forgot — we're speaking Bush now. What I mean to say is, are that a bad thing?)

Absolutely not.

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BG SPORTS

BRIEFING

Twite named All-MAC honorable mention

Bowling Green senior volleyball player Taylor Twite was named All-MAC honorable mention yesterday for the second year in a row.

This season she is averaging 3.69 kills, .99 blocks per game and is hitting .296 for the Falcons.

Right now, she ranks at No. 13 all-time for the Falcons in career kills with 942 and ranks sixth in school history with a .278 hitting percentage.

Twite and the Falcons will be in MAC tournament competition this Friday at Anderson Arena when they play host to Marshall.

Falcons may get a shot at Ohio St.



WILL CURITORE

The Italian Stallion

I've been curious about something this past year. I know for a fact that I'm not the only one upset about our 24-17 loss to the Ohio State Buckeyes, who at the time were coming off a national championship the previous season. On top of that, I'm also quite sure there are others like me who think they could have easily won that game. Only one question remains. Would anyone like to see them face off again?

I know I would, and I'm sure most of the students on this campus would as well, even if their passion for football isn't quite as strong as my own.

Well, for all of you that have been silently hoping for a matchup between the Falcons and Buckeyes before the next scheduled game in 2010, sweet revenge could actually happen as soon as this December!

In case you don't remember, the Falcons won the Motor City Bowl last year in Detroit by defeating the Northwestern Wildcats, 28-24. They have a chance to get there again should they win the MAC West (Anything can happen!).

Also, in case you haven't been paying attention to the football landscape outside the Mid-American Conference, the 2004 version of the Ohio State Buckeyes is not the team that

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Hockey looks to keep going vs. Wayne State

Kevin Shields
SENIOR REPORTER

The 1996-97 season was the last season a Bowling Green hockey team has started this well. Now BG will look to continue their early season success against the Warriors of Wayne State.

Coming off a split with Nebraska-Omaha (2-4, 6-4), the Falcons currently sit at 5-2-1 overall with a Central Collegiate Hockey Association record of 3-2-1. It's their best start since the 96-97 season when the team started 6-0.

As a result, they broke into the "USA Today" / "USA Hockey Magazine" poll at 20 and remain in the U.S. College Hockey Online / CSTV poll at 21.

Tonight they will travel to the Compuware Arena in Plymouth, Mich., to take on Wayne State from College Hockey America (CHA) to start a non-conference home-and-home series that will conclude at the BG Ice Arena on Saturday.

"They were in the national tournament two years ago and I think they're a very good team right now," head coach Scott Paluch said. "They're 6-3-1 right now, but they have wins over Clarkson, Merrimack and Providence. Last year they were a lot of young players, now this year they're closer to where they were two years ago when they almost knocked off Colorado College in the first round of the national tournament. Bill Wilkinson has done a great job with that team and they're a very tough opponent right now."

The Warriors come into the weekend after getting a win and tie against Robert Morris in a CCHA series.

They are led in scoring by two freshmen forwards, Stavros Paskaris and Tylor Michel. Paskaris has 10 points on five goals and five assists. Michel



Mike Metzger BG News

UP THE ICE: Bowling Green forward Alex Foster (right) chases Notre Dame's Joe Durenko in a game at the Ice Arena this season. Foster and the Falcons are off to their best start in seven seasons.

also has 10 points as he has scored three goals while assisting on seven others.

Sophomores Jason Baclic and Nate Higgins also return after leading the team in scoring a year ago. Baclic currently has eight points on a goal and seven assists while Higgins has four points scoring a goal with three assists.

"Those are two players to watch," Paluch said. "They're both very skilled players, they know to produce at a level consistently now and they're involved every single night, but they have a lot

of good players on that team." In net, the Warriors bring two solid goaltenders into the series with Matt Kelly and Will Hooper. Kelly currently has a goal against average of 2.21 and save percentage of .920.

Hooper, like BG goaltender Jon Horrell, was involved with the University of Findlay's hockey program until it cut its team after last season. He brings in a goal against average of 2.77 with a .896 save percentage.

For BG, freshman Jonathan Matsumoto comes into the weekend having earned his

second CCHA Rookie of the Week honors this season.

He had three goals and an assist on the weekend at Omaha, including two goals with an assist in Saturday's 6-4 win. He currently has six goals on the year and of the six, five of them have been scored on the power-play. His .75 goals-per-game average makes him 16th nationally.

"I didn't really know what to expect coming in here," Matsumoto said. "The first

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Al Behrman AP Photo

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY: Cincy wide receiver Chad Johnson breaks away from the Cowboys' defense earlier this year. Johnson is promising fans a big-time dance in this weekend's game against the Steelers.

Johnson promises another TD dance

By Joe Kay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ignoring advice to keep quiet, Chad Johnson said yesterday he's ready to celebrate a touchdown catch against the Pittsburgh Steelers this weekend.

His coach immediately went into damage control — again.

The Cincinnati Bengals' chatty receiver jokingly asked fans to bring donations to cover the fine he'll get after a planned touchdown celebration against the Steelers.

"I need all fans to bring a dollar to the gate," Johnson said playfully. "Don't forget. There will be a bucket. Bring a dollar to the gate this week. Next week, I need everybody to bring a bottle of Pepto."

That's the last thing coach Marvin Lewis wanted to deal with heading into a make-or-break game. Informed of the receiver's latest whimsy, he sat silently for a few seconds.

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Visions of being the best at BG drive-Mohr throughout career as Falcon

Senior progresses with BG through thick and thin since arrival.

By Jason A. Dixon
SENIOR REPORTER

If the single-minded pursuit of success is a crime, then Melissa Mohr is guilty of joining the Bowling Green volleyball team with the full intent of becoming the best.

"She's a perfectionist, she wants to do everything right. She hates to make mistakes, but this is a game full of mistakes and she hates to lose."

Blame that on Mohr's humble beginnings as a freshman in 2001 when she played for BGSU's Mid-American Conference East Division Championship Team.

But the 5-foot-11 middle blocker only played in 14 matches and accounted for five kills during their 21-8 season.

Van De Walle said the biggest thing Mohr had to overcome after her first year was lack of self-confidence.

"She's a perfectionist; she wants to do everything right. She hates to make mistakes."

DENISE VAN DE WALLE, COACH

"She came into this program the star of her high school team," Van De Walle said. "She came in and had to sit the bench and that's tough on any freshman ... going from the best player to maybe not playing in the first six ever."

Despite Mohr's progression the following year, she appeared in 29 matches producing eight kills and a .038 hitting percentage as the Falcons struggled through a 9-21 campaign.

Mohr said the first two seasons were learning experiences and set the stage for her.

And she chose to perform well when handed the opportunity last season.

She might have been 17-years-old again performing for West Holmes High School, except Mohr wasn't making breathtaking blocks at the net and pounding down kills against an overmatched team from the Mohican Area Conference.

It only looked that way for Mohr, who started all but one match, hitting .212 with 240 kills and 97

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Ben Swanger BG News

ONE GOOD FALCON: Bowling Green volleyball player Melissa Mohr poses after a practice Monday. Mohr set high goals for herself and will leave her mark on the BG program.

Phillips accepts role for BG basketball

By Andrew Hemminger
GUEST REPORTER

It takes a tremendous amount of desire and determination to play college basketball on the Division I level, or any tier for that matter. Yet it takes even more when you are a walk-on.

The Bowling Green men's basketball team currently consists of 13 players, 11 of which are on full scholarship.

The remaining pair are walk-ons; they receive no financial help, yet still go through the rigors of practice and off-season conditioning every single day.

One is in his first year, Alvin Freeman.

The second, however, is in his third season as a walk-on Falcon and I think he is long overdue some recognition for the effort and determination he exhibits on a daily basis.

In high school at Sandusky St. Mary, this player achieved a long list of accolades. The Panthers won 21 games, the league championship (Sandusky Bay Conference) and advanced to regionals while led by this man. As a senior, he averaged 21 points to complement 14 rebounds, was a unanimous selection for SBC Player of the Year and was named All-Ohio first team. Over his career, he was named all-conference on three

separate occasions and tallied over 1300 points. The player that I am referring to is 6'3" junior guard, Pat Phillips.

While a dominant player in high school, Phillips has continued to go hard in practice everyday, while compiling just 41 minutes of action over the last two seasons for Coach Dakich. I talked with Pat after practice on Wednesday and here is what he had to say.

Q: Talk about what is expected from you everyday?

A: During practice, just giving all that I can to help these guys and if I'm getting minutes then just doing the best I can when I'm on the floor.

Q: How difficult is it going through everything and then not getting many game minutes?

A: It's difficult, but I've gotten used to it, I know my role on this team.

Q: What originally drew you to come to play at Bowling Green?

A: It was close to home. I came here and decided to walk-on.

Pat Phillips and the Falcons open up the regular season on Saturday at DePaul. Tip off is set for 2:00 p.m.

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Hart looks forward to crowd

By Larry Lage
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some athletes thrive off the energy their fans provide during home games.

Mike Hart is just the opposite. Michigan's diminutive running back knows he'll be regarded as an enemy Saturday at Ohio State and he's looking forward to the experience.

"I love being booed. To me, there's nothing better than that," Hart said. "I'd rather get booed. It gives me a lot more incentive."

Listed at 5-foot-9 and 194 pounds — though he might not be that tall or heavy — Hart is used to being doubted, jeered and taunted.

"I just like going into situations that are against you," he said. "It's probably because of my size."

If Hart can do what he's done for much of the year for No. 7 Michigan against OSU, their rowdy fans might be quieted.

The freshman averages a Big Ten-best 131.1 yards rushing a game — ranking ninth in the country — despite carrying the ball just eight times in the first two games and not starting until the fifth game of the season.

"He came in and surprised a lot of people," OSU's linebacker, A.J. Hawk, said. "He's a great run-



Carlos Osorio AP Photo

TOUGH CROWD: Michigan running back Mike Hart runs through Northwestern's defense last weekend. Hart says he is looking forward to facing a hostile crowd in Columbus this weekend.

ning back. He's not a huge guy, but he breaks a lot of tackles."

Hart ran for 151 yards in Michigan's 42-20 win over Northwestern last week for his school-record fifth straight 150-yard game.

Against the Wildcats, he also moved past Ohio State's Maurice Clarett (1,237 yards) into third place on the Big Ten

list for single-season rushing by a freshman. Just Wisconsin's Ron Dayne (2,109) and Minnesota's Darrell Thompson (1,376) ran for more.

Hawk said Hart's vision is similar to Clarett's.

"Both can see the hole and know when to cut it back," Hawk said.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr

knew he would have to replace Chris Perry, now an NFL rookie in Cincinnati, but he didn't envision it would be his recruit from upstate New York.

"This is a guy that came out of a very small high school and a lot of people questioned whether his competition was strong enough," Carr said. "I can't say to you that I thought he would be leading the Big Ten in rushing this late in the season, because I didn't. But I didn't have any question that he was the kind of kid that was going to be successful here."

His 34-yard TD last week was his longest run of the year and it was like many of his 33 gains of at least 10 yards. He started up the middle, but ended up bouncing to a hole to the right.

"He has the ability to make the play when the play isn't there," tight end Tim Massaquoi said. "Certain players have that. He sees something that everybody else doesn't."

Hart also doesn't seem to have a big head despite the buzz he's created locally and the publicity he's had nationally.

"I respect him for that," senior defensive end Patrick Massey said. "He is levelheaded and his ego hasn't gotten out of hand."

Matsumoto doing great for Falcons

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couple of weekends sort of helped out the confidence a lot and I'm just trying to build on that."

"Matsy's [Matsumoto] skill and understanding in the offensive zone has certainly been apparent early in the year," Paluch said. "We kind of knew that would be the case and he's working hard and good things are happening."

Jordan Sigalet had a rough weekend in Omaha as he gave up eight goals on 64 shots; However, he still owns a 2.52 goals against average and a save percentage of .928.

The Falcon power play currently is ranked sixth in the country according to USCHO.com as they have capitalized on 13 of their 55 power plays for a percentage of 23.6. This weekend they were

6-13 with the extra-man advantage, including 5-8 on Saturday.

Their penalty-kill is ranked 19th in the country according to the site as well, as they've killed 85.2 percent of all opposing power plays.

Of the seven suspended players, six played at Omaha and four came away with points. Don Morrison and Brett Pilkington were the top two contributors of the returning players. Morrison had a goal and three assists while Pilkington also scored a goal while assisting another.

Jon Sitko missed this past weekend's series due to an ankle contusion and is doubtful for these two games.

The Falcons and Warriors will drop the puck tonight at 7:05 and will face-off at 5:05 p.m. on Saturday at the BG Ice Arena.

OSU is lucky to be going bowling

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brought home a national championship back in 2002. They're record currently stands at 6-4. Their last win (11/6 @ MSU), made them eligible for a postseason bowl appearance, and I'm not talking about the bowls played after the new year.

The truth is, after their three-game losing streak, they should consider themselves lucky to get into any bowl, whether it's the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl, or anything in between.

I can't say for sure if Ohio State has as much of a chance to end up in the Motor City Bowl as I hope they do, but if it's going to happen, it will happen this year. That being said, I think that the NCAA Bowl Selection Committee should conspire wait, that's such an ugly word I mean move some things in the lexicon

of college football around (Hey, that sounds better!) so OSU ends up playing Bowling Green (should they win the MAC West), on December 27th, in Detroit's Ford Field. Sadly, should this happen, I won't be able to make it. See, there's this small thing that I'm obligated to be a part of called Christmas. Oh well, there's always television.

What's that you say? Aw, man! You're not supposed to do that? News flash! You're trying to tell me that that has never happened before? I hate to burst your bubble and break your spirit by letting in on the secret that the world isn't that perfect yet, but what I want to see happens numerous times every season. Do I have proof? No wait, even better, Do I need proof? This is a column. That gives me the right not to prove something. Man, I love this job.

Browns hoping Davis sticks around

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Those "Butch Must Go" chants are picking up in volume, frequency and harshness with each passing Sunday.

Stop anywhere along the shores of Lake Erie and you're bound to hear the screams. So far, though, they're being ignored in Cleveland's locker room — and apparently in owner Randy Lerner's office, too.

The Browns say they believe in coach Butch Davis, whose job may be on the line over the next seven weeks.

"He's not going anywhere," said offensive tackle Ryan

Tucker. "People can get as loud and crazy as they want, him and Randy have a good relationship. Randy's got a plan and it's not firing the head coach."

"You do that, you're starting all over again."

After being throttled by the rival Pittsburgh Steelers last week, some Cleveland fans think it's time they did.

The Browns (3-6), who play the New York Jets on Sunday, are in last place in the AFC North. They've lost four of five games and public pressure is mounting for Lerner to replace Davis, who is 24-33 in the regular season and 0-1 in Cleveland's only

playoff game since 2001. Davis is under contract through 2007.

Lerner has not publicly commented on Davis' future. However, he has assured Tucker, one of the team's most respected veterans and leaders, that he has no plans to make a coaching change.

"I've talked to Randy and he (Davis) is not going anywhere," said Tucker, who last spoke to Lerner on Saturday at the team's hotel. "Everybody can relax about that deal."

Lerner doesn't like what's going on, either. But he's not about to lay all the blame for the team's woes on Davis. Lerner

is far more troubled with the perception that the Browns have quit on Davis than anything.

"He doesn't like that stuff flying around," Tucker said. "Especially in this locker room. Nobody's talking about it here. It's more the outside people saying, 'Butch is on his last legs.' He's not."

The Browns seem united in their support of Davis, who addressed his shaky status following Sunday's loss for the first time. To a man, the players are bothered by the outcry to dismiss Davis, saying the onus is on them to play better. Unless they do, their employment could be short-lived as well.



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NFL stirs controversy with Owens' Monday Night antics

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AP Columnist

Let's see if we've got this straight.

Showing Nicollette Sheridan in a pregame promotion for "Monday Night Football" wearing nothing but a towel?

Bad.

Showing the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders repeatedly during the game, all 38 of them dressed in costumes that, sewn together, still wouldn't be enough material for a decent towel?

Good.

Listening to ABC fake an apology and watching the NFL recoil in mock horror because somebody forgot the difference between league-sanctioned "cheesecake" and the unsanctioned variety?

Priceless.

Framing any discussion about this latest bout of silliness in terms of declining morals is a waste of time — unless we're talking about the hypocrisy of the network executives and NFL suits who helped make it possible.

In a statement that could have been written even before the spot featuring "Desperate Housewives" star Sheridan and

Philadelphia wide receiver Terrell Owens aired, ABC said, "We have heard from many of our viewers about last night's 'MNF' opening segment and we agree that the placement was inappropriate. We apologize."

Not to be outdone, the NFL called the segment "inappropriate and unsuitable for our 'Monday Night Football' audience."

"While ABC may have gained attention for one of its other shows," league spokesman Greg Aiello said, "the NFL and its fans lost."

Please.

Both parties got exactly what they bargained for.

ABC, seeking to revive its sagging fortunes in the network wars and eager to cross-promote its wildly popular, nighttime drama, "Desperate Housewives," knew just what it was doing. It couldn't buy the kind of publicity that the brief spot, which ended with Owens deciding that he could skip the opening kickoff, generated in less than 24 hours.

The NFL, meanwhile, got some badly needed buzz for its flagship show. Ratings for "MNF" have been declining steadily over the years, but it's a safe bet

that the demographic group so prized by the league and its advertisers—males 18 to 49—will be tuning in week after week now, if only to catch the intro and see if something else "inappropriate" makes the final cut.

The ante was raised with Janet Jackson's use of the Super Bowl stage in a desperate bid to jump-start her own fading career, and the suits responded with a 5-second delay. Left untouched, however, was the NFL's own scantily clad cheerleaders on the sidelines and its unending commercial barrage of beer, violent video games and erectile-dysfunction ads. It's not easy to break through that kind of clutter.

On the one hand, it's true that neither the league nor the Philadelphia Eagles, who allowed ABC the run of its locker room for the taping, had script approval over the promotion. But then, you didn't have to look hard to see this coming.

Fox and CBS just handed the NFL more than a billion dollars for a new television contract, and all three of them signed off on the deal knowing that the revenue from ad sales doesn't cover the cost of showing the games. The

networks don't turn a profit on the games, but use them instead to sell their other shows and turn a profit on those.

Promos for "Desperate Housewives" have been running during NFL games all season. The one that ran Monday night was a lot tamer than the actual show itself. Pretending to be shocked in this instance is the same kind of dishonesty the league shows when it fines players for cheap shots and choreographed celebrations while licensing video games that reward kicking and stomping opponents, then dancing over them in the end zone.

Here's hoping that the FCC sticks somebody with a bill for this latest episode, but not because it sends the wrong message to kids. NFL telecasts are already so packed with mixed messages that once that got started, the fines would continue without end.

The point is to stop the NFL and the rest of its television partners from hatching any more outrageous promotional schemes. Because while bad taste is not a capital offense yet, at the very least, it should carry a stiff price tag.

Lewis upset with Johnson remark

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"It's not a wise thing," Lewis finally said, with annoyance in his eyes. "It's not his fine that's as significant as if we get a penalty."

After talking to the receiver about it before practice, Lewis tried to preclude any bulletin board material in Pittsburgh by saying Johnson's comments should be ignored.

"He didn't mean it that way at all," Lewis said.

Johnson didn't back down at all.

He repeated his comments after practice, stressing he was just having fun and trying to build interest in the game.

"What was wrong with that?" he said, smiling.

The problem is that he has an old-school head coach who prefers his players just do their jobs and keep quiet.

"Aw, the old school is gone," Johnson said. "That era is over, man. It's through. As long as I'm not doing anything to hurt us as a team, let me be me. Being me is what got me here."

It's also gotten him into the doghouse.

The Pro Bowl receiver has repeatedly upset Lewis by guaranteeing wins and tweaking opponents leading up to games. His most famous move — guaranteeing a win over previously unbeaten Kansas City last season — drew attention and divided the locker room. Several veterans told him it isn't wise to rile up the opposition.

Despite a promise to change this season, Johnson has found it tough to keep quiet.

He sent bottles of Pepto-Bismol to Cleveland defensive backs before their game, along with handwritten notes saying they'd get sick trying to cover him. Johnson had the worst game of his career and the Bengals lost 34-17 to an inspired team that clearly took offense.

Lewis took him aside afterward, and Baltimore's Ray Lewis later called with some

advice: Keep your mouth shut and play.

With a pivotal game at hand, he's having fun again.

A 17-10 victory over Washington improved the Bengals to 4-5 heading into their rematch with the Steelers (8-1). Unprovoked, Johnson said the capacity crowd at Paul Brown Stadium on Sunday can expect a show.

"That means I've got a special celebration when I hit the end zone," Johnson said. "Bring a dollar to the gate for my fine."

Johnson was fined for three touchdown celebrations last season: \$5,000 for a photo pose with teammate Peter Warrick in the end zone, \$5,000 for a throat-slash gesture to the crowd, and \$10,000 for holding up a preprinted sign that read: "Dear NFL: Please don't fine me again."

Before this season started, Johnson promised a new touchdown celebration, one that wouldn't draw a 15-yard penalty under the NFL's stricter rules. He has yet to unveil it — he's had only two touchdown catches all season.

His first came while the Bengals trailed in the opener against the Jets — the wrong time to use it. The other catch came in a Monday night victory over Denver, but Johnson had been warned by the Bengals not to do anything to call attention to himself on national television.

"I was told not to celebrate before the game started," he said later.

Johnson gave Pittsburgh's defense unusually glowing praise on Wednesday before getting around to his end zone plans.

"This defense is a little different from everybody that we've played," Johnson said. "Watching them on film, it's unbelievable. It's sort of unfair what they have out there on the defense. Seriously. Just looking at the names, the personnel you have to go against, there's no weak link where you can attack."

He still expects to have some fun with it.

Mohr not afraid to share limelight

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total blocks.

"It was disappointing losing last year, but I came in very determined because I wanted to help the team in anyway I could," Mohr said. "It was the first time I was on the floor all the time, and it was exciting being able to play every night."

As BGSU's only four-year senior and the influx of six new faces, Mohr said she came into this season determined to "bring BG volleyball back to the top."

"Most people coming into a program aren't used to losing and I wasn't used to losing in high school, in club or even in our first year here," she said. "It definitely motivated me to do whatever I could to have a winning program."

The Falcons finished with their first winning record in two years, going 17-13 and 8-8 in the MAC, and Mohr has been content to let the spotlight shine on different BG players from game-to-game.

Still, the senior tri-captain has started every match for

the Falcons and established career-highs with 296 kills and 124 blocks during the regular season.

Van De Walle said Mohr has stepped up as a "leader by example."

"She's really tried to show the team hard work; dedication by example," she said. "She's been fairly consistent all year ... but when you think about her work ethic, her work ethic has been consistent all year."

Mohr said it was a blessing to play at the collegiate level.

"We've had a lot of fun and we've had some tough times," she said. "Just being a student-athlete is a hard thing because of the time commitment ... but I think through thick and thin it's made me a lot stronger person."

Mohr's talent and inner-strength will be on display in Anderson Arena when the Falcons host No. 3 seed Marshall in the MAC Tournament Quarterfinals tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

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Fallujah occupied, not subdued

By JIM KRANE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. military officials said Saturday that American troops had now "occupied" the entire city of Fallujah and there were no more major concentrations of insurgents still fighting after nearly a week of intense urban combat.

A U.S. officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fallujah was "occupied but not subdued." Artillery and airstrikes also were halted after nightfall to prevent mistaken attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces who had taken up positions throughout the city.

Iraqi officials declared the operation to free Fallujah of militants was "accomplished" but acknowledged the two most wanted figures in the city — Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Sheikh Abdullah al-Janabi — had escaped.

U.S. officers said, however, that resistance had not been entirely subdued and that it still could take several days of fighting to clear the final pockets.

The offensive against Fallujah killed at least 24 American troops and an estimated 1,000 insurgents, and rebel attacks elsewhere — especially in the northern city of Mosul — have forced the Americans to shift troops away from Fallujah.

Exploiting the redeployment, insurgents stepped up attacks in areas outside Fallujah, including a bombing that killed two Marines on the outskirts of the former rebel bastion 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Military activity also surged along the Euphrates River valley well to the north and west of Baghdad, with clashes reported in Qaim on the Syrian border and in Hit and Ramadi, nearer to the capital.

A series of thunderous explosions rocked central Baghdad after sunset Saturday, and sirens wailed in the fortified Green Zone, which houses major Iraqi government offices and the U.S. Embassy. There was no immediate explanation for the blasts, but the Ansar al-Sunnah Army later claimed responsibility for firing several rockets at the zone. The claim's authenticity could not be verified.

Insurgents also attacked a military base outside Baghdad Saturday, killing one coalition soldier and wounding three others, the U.S. military said. The nationalities of the casualties.

At least four people were killed and 29 wounded, police said, during a U.S. airstrike on rebels and clashes Saturday

in the Abu Ghraib suburb of western Baghdad. One Iraqi was killed and 10 wounded in fighting between U.S. troops and insurgents in the northern city of Tal Afar.

The drive against remaining insurgent holdouts in southern Fallujah was aimed to eradicate the last major concentration of fighters at the end of nearly a week of air and ground assaults.

"We are just pushing them against the anvil," said Col. Michael Formica, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Brigade. "It's a broad attack against the entire southern front."

As a prelude to the Saturday assault, a U.S. warplane dropped a 500-pound bomb on an insurgent tunnel network in the city, CNN embedded correspondent Jane Arraf reported.

U.S. and Iraqi forces also have begun moving against insurgent sympathizers among Iraq's hardline Sunni religious leadership, arresting at least four prominent clerics and raiding offices of religious groups that had spoken out against the Fallujah assault.

U.S. officials said they hoped the latest attack would finish off the last pocket of significant resistance in Fallujah. Next was a planned house-to-house clearing operation to find boobytraps, weapons and guerrillas still hiding in the rubble.

In Baghdad, Iraqi National Security Adviser Qassem Dawoud proclaimed the Fallujah assault — code-name Operation Al-Fajr, or "Dawn" — was "accomplished" except for mopping up "evil pockets which we are dealing with now."

"The number of terrorists and Saddam (Hussein) loyalists killed has reached more than 1,000," Dawoud said. "As for the detainees, the number is 200 people."

However, Dawoud said al-Zarqawi, whose al-Qaida-linked group was responsible for numerous car-bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages, and the main Fallujah resistance leader, Sheikh al-Janabi "have escaped." The United States has offered a \$25 million reward for al-Zarqawi.

As U.S. forces pressed their attacks in southern Fallujah, Marines in the northern districts were hunting for about a dozen insurgents dressed in Iraqi National Guard uniforms who were reportedly wandering the city streets.

"Any (Iraqi National Guard) or (Iraqi special forces) not seen with the Marines are to be considered hostile," Lt. Owen Boyce, 24, of Simsbury, Conn., told his men.

U.S. and Iraqi officials want to restore control of Fallujah and other Sunni militant strongholds before national elections scheduled by Jan. 31.



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TARGETING EFFORTS: A three man team of air force controllers coordinates bombing raids from a U.S. base outside of Fallujah, Iraq.

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Maupin's hold on to hope for missing Army

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATAVIA, Ohio — There is a special charm on Carolyn Maupin's charm bracelet, a constant reminder of her son missing in Iraq. The inscription reads, "Never give up."

"I look at that every now and then when I start thinking other things, and I think, 'Nope, I'm not going to give up,'" Maupin said. "I'm going to hold onto my faith in God and hold on to that (charm), and it helps me get through the day."

Maupin's son, Army Reserve Spc. Keith "Matt" Maupin, 21, has been listed by the military as captured since his convoy was attacked April 9 west of Baghdad. Carolyn Maupin, who works in a school transportation department, told WCPO-TV that she had a premonition the day of the attack.

"I told a bus driver, 'I don't feel comfortable today. There's something not right,'" she said.

She later saw a news report of a convoy being ambushed.

"I just went to myself, 'No, that isn't Matt's,'" she said. "But I kind of knew it was. I just didn't want to face it. But I kind of knew it was Matt's."

A week later, she and other family members saw a videotape broadcast by the Al-Jazeera television station showing her son sitting on the floor surrounded by five masked men holding automatic rifles.

"It was a scary day to see that," she said. "And yet to look at Matt, he didn't seem to be frightened."

In June, Al-Jazeera broadcast a video showing a blindfolded man sitting on the ground. The station said that in the next scene, gunmen shoot the man in the back of the head, in front of a hole dug in the ground. It did not show the killing.

U.S. experts reviewed the grainy tape and said they could not determine the identity of the man or if a shooting occurred. Carolyn Maupin clings to the hope it was not her son.

"When he left, he was so proud — so proud of what he was going to do," she said. "He's just a very strong individual — very, very strong, and that's what I'm counting on to stay strong."

Matt Maupin's dad, Keith Maupin, said he faces each morning "one day at a time." In the meantime, he's taking care of his son's prized car, a bright red Mustang.

"It's just waiting for Matt to come back," Maupin said. "When he comes back, he'll have a car to drive."

Until then, it's secured in Maupin's garage.

"It'll be here when he gets here," Maupin said.

The Maupin's were in Washington last week for the dedication of a new Smithsonian Institution exhibit that pays tribute to people in military service. The exhibit, which opened on Veterans' Day, includes more than 800 artifacts, from the 18th-century French and Indian War to the global fight against terrorism.

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HOLDING ON TO HOPE: Carolyn and Keith Maupin wear memorabilia for their son Matt at a rally for Vice President Dick Cheney in August. The Maupin's still carry hope that Matt, missing since April, is alive.

Correctional center superintendent resigns

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The superintendent of Ohio's only corrections center for girls has resigned, citing a strained relationship with his boss as he worked to reform the troubled facility.

Leroy Payton was hired in March after two independent investigations into accusations of sexual assault, beatings and inadequate medical care at the Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Payton said on Tuesday that he and Ohio Department of Youth Services deputy director James Hieneman disagreed on staffing and other issues, but that he didn't want to discuss them.

Payton resigned Nov. 4, and Hieneman has been named interim superintendent at Scioto.

The facility about 15 miles northwest of Columbus in Delaware County houses an average of 120 girls ages 12 to 21

who have been convicted of all types of felonies.

Payton fired almost a dozen people, including administrators, midlevel managers and guards over chronic infractions, including not performing required tasks, leaving work early and skipping training on rehabilitation.

Guards were also banned from using a wrist grip that can break a girl's arm. Girls interviewed by Covington, Ky.-based Children's Law Center,

a regional nonprofit agency that advocates for children's legal rights, said they had been hit, slapped and shoved by guards, put in straitjackets, touched sexually and discouraged or threatened if they filed grievances.

Payton was the third superintendent in less than a year.

"I think it's just a very stressful job," Youth Services spokeswoman Andrea Kruse said.

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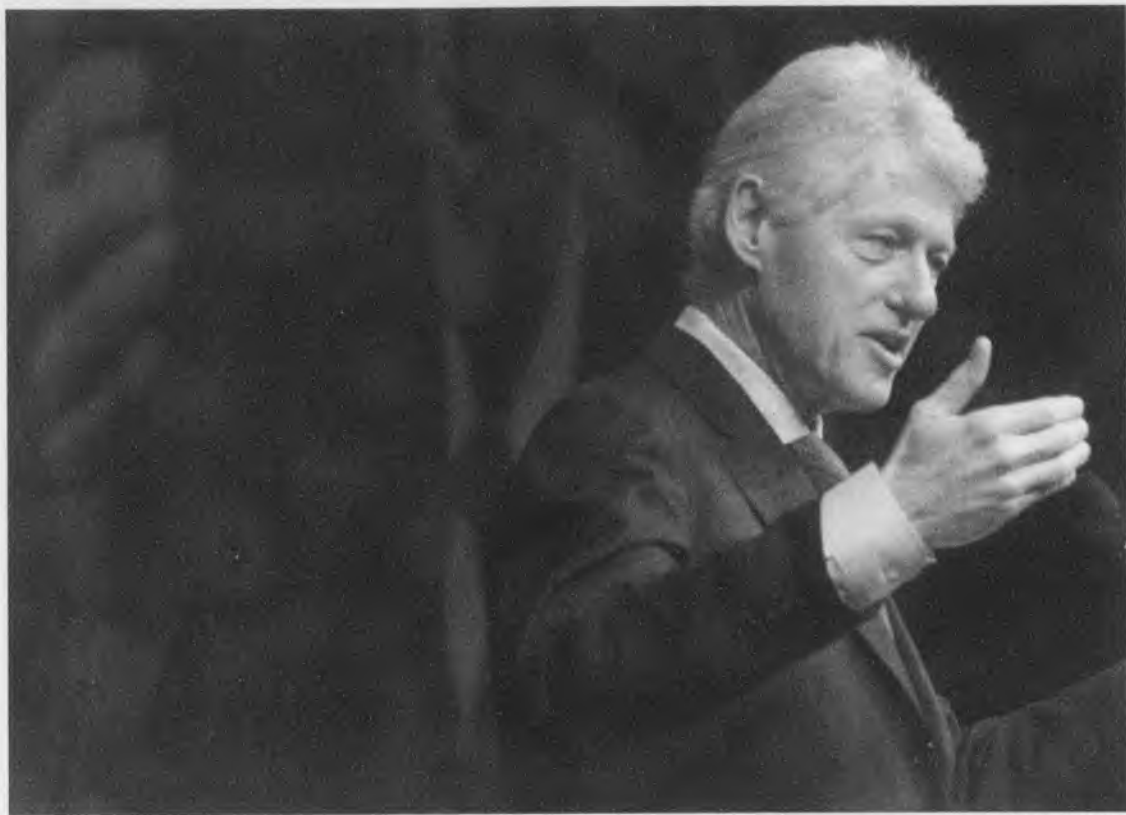
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Clinton library opens



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GRAND OPENING: Former President Bill Clinton speaks to members of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce in Little Rock, Ark., Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004. Clinton is in his home state for the opening of his presidential library Thursday.

By David Hammer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Bill Clinton's presidential library, opening Thursday, covers Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky in a single display that portrays the White House scandals as a "fight for power" and an exercise in the "politics of persecution."

"We had to show this was a systematic attempt by Republican leaders to de-legitimize Bill Clinton and the administration," said former Clinton adviser Bruce Lindsey, who worked with the ex-president through much of the exhibit-design process.

The nation's second presidential impeachment is dealt with along with other scandals

in an 8-by-6-foot alcove titled "The Fight for Power."

"His supporters will say, 'Oh, why did you give this so much space?'" library director David Alsobrook said as reporters received advance tours Wednesday. "But his detractors will come up and say, 'Dave, where is the blue dress?'"

In contrast, Clinton asked specifically for a double alcove on his diplomatic efforts in Northern Ireland, the Balkans and the Middle East, according to exhibit designer Ralph Appelbaum.

Advisers presented computer mock-ups of exhibits to Clinton for approval. A group of the president's speechwriters drafted the text.

The scandal exhibit is split into sections called "Politics of Persecution" and "A New Culture of Confrontation."

Quotations from former Arkansas Sen. Dale Bumpers in Clinton's defense and from House Speaker Newt Gingrich in opposition are printed on the glass.

Former Whitewater business partner Susan McDougal is pictured in an orange jumpsuit in the custody of U.S. marshals. Kenneth Starr is pictured prominently, but so are newspaper headlines screaming "Acquitted" after the Senate failed to convict Clinton.

"It's the way we believe history will record it. We have a point of view. I don't know if we have

influence," Lindsey said.

Another highlight is the only full-scale replica of the Oval Office in a presidential library. Administration officials took thousands of photographs of the office to re-create the placement of every statue, photo and award.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., also has her own alcove, dedicated to programs she ran as first lady.

Last-minute changes were still under way Wednesday. One display of the Electoral College map from Clinton's 1992 victory had to be sent back after Clinton noticed Montana, long a Republican "red state," should have been blue because he won it.

Crematory operator pleads guilty to dumping bodies

By Harry R. Weber
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — A former crematory operator accused of dumping 334 bodies on his property and passing off cement dust as ashes has agreed to plead guilty to criminal charges, prosecutors said in a letter to families of the deceased.

The letter, dated Nov. 10, does not give details of the plea agreement with Ray Brent Marsh. However, a source with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity that Marsh will be sentenced to 12 years in prison with credit for the roughly seven months he already has served while awaiting trial.

The sentence, which covers all 787 criminal charges of theft and abuse of a corpse, will be followed by a lengthy probation period, the source said.

If Marsh were to go to trial and be convicted on all charges, he could be sentenced to more than 8,000 years in prison.

Marsh allegedly stopped performing cremations at the Tri-State Crematory in Noble in 1997, when he took over the family business from his father. In 2002, hundreds of decomposing corpses were found stacked in storage sheds and scattered in woods outside the crematory in rural northwest Georgia.

Walker County District Attorney Herbert E. Franklin, whose office sent the letter, and defense lawyer Ken Poston refused to comment.

A hearing to discuss the deal was set for Friday. Leanne Dolin,

a clerk to Judge James Bodiford, who has been overseeing the case, also refused to comment.

"I'm sure a lot of families are going to be verbal at the hearing," said Teri Crawford, whose brother was supposed to have been cremated after he died of cancer in 2001. The family received fake cremated remains and does not know what happened to their loved one.

Anthony Schuchman, 86, of Pittsburgh, whose son's body was supposed to be cremated at Marsh's facility, said he has mixed feelings about the prospect of a guilty plea. The family buried what they believed were Gilbert Schuchman's ashes, but later tests could not determine if the ashes were Schuchman's remains.

"We'll never have any closure because we don't know if this is him or not," Schuchman said.

Marsh and dozens of funeral homes that sent bodies to the crematory already have settled a civil lawsuit for \$80 million.

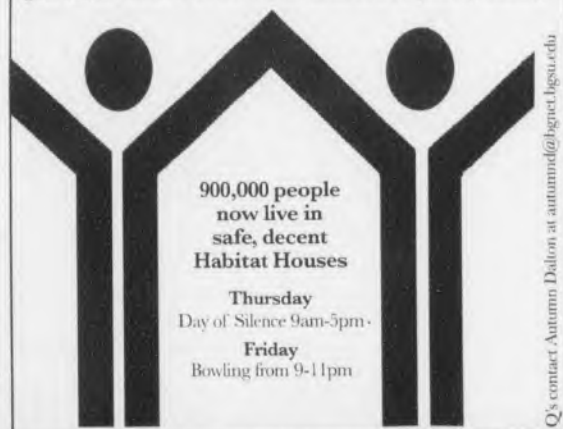
Attorneys for Marsh had asked Judge Bodiford to throw out the theft charges, arguing the corpses did not constitute property. The judge refused, prompting defense lawyers to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The appeal, which is still pending, will be dropped when Marsh enters his guilty plea, according to the prosecutor's letter.

If Marsh follows through and pleads guilty, the letter says, a sentencing hearing will be held Jan. 31.

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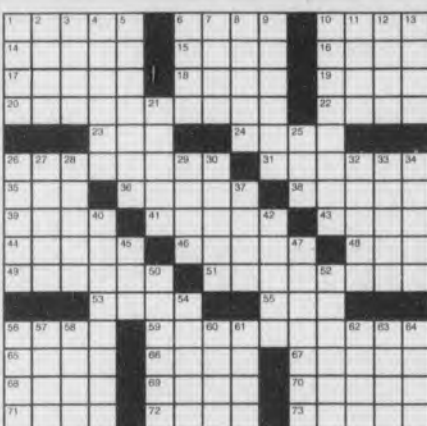
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